

**ELECTION AND REMARKS**

The Office Action mailed December 16, 2005 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action the Examiner required the Applicant to Elect between Group I which comprises Claims 1-44 and 85-92 and Group II which comprises Claims 45-84 and 93-117. **The Applicant hereby elects Group II which comprises Claims 45-84 and 93-117.**

The Applicant notes that the Examiner stated that if the Applicant had elected Group I, further election would have been required. Specifically, the Examiner stated that the application contains claims, "directed to the following patentably distinct species and sub-species of the claimed invention:

Species A: Figures 2A & 2B

Sub-species a: figure 2C

Sub-species b: figure 2D

Species B: Figures 4A & 4B"

The Applicant respectfully points out that this restriction requirement concerning Group I is not proper for a number of reasons, including the fact that restriction requirements must be directed to claims, not figures. The Applicant reserves the right to renew this ground for traverse in the future, e.g. if and when the Applicant prosecutes the Group I claims.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,  
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